

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 28, 2004

IN RE:

**PETITION OF HICKORY STAR WATER COMPANY,
L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE WATER
RATE PASS-THROUGH MECHANISM**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00372**

**ORDER SUSPENDING WHOLESALE WATER RATE
PASS-THROUGH MECHANISM FOR NINETY DAYS**

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 8, 2004 for consideration of the *Petition of Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. for Approval of Wholesale Water Rate Pass-Through Mechanism* ("Petition"). The *Petition* was filed by Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. ("Hickory Star") on October 22, 2004, with a proposed effective date of November 21, 2004. The Authority Staff subsequently sent a data request to Hickory Star with a November 16, 2004 response date.

During the November 8, 2004 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to suspend the proposed wholesale water rate pass-through mechanism for ninety days, from November 21, 2004 through February 18, 2005, "to allow sufficient time for a thorough investigation and analysis of the proposed mechanism and the impact of the proposed mechanism on the company's revenue and its customers."¹

¹ Transcript of Authority Conference, p 32 (November 8, 2004).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The wholesale water rate pass-through mechanism proposed by Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. in the *Petition of Hickory Star Water Company, L.L.C. for Approval of Wholesale Water Rate Pass-Through Mechanism* is suspended through February 18, 2005.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Ron Jones, Director